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SUBJ: COMMUNIQUE AT END OF PRESIDENT BONGO VISIT TO QATAR

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1. AT END OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S TRIP TO QATAR ON OCT 20 A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED IN WHICH THE RULERS OF QATAR AND GABON PLEDGED THEIR MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING: EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AFRICAN-ARAB RELATIONS; THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM "OCCUPIED ARAB WANDS"; THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, AND FINALLY THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS STRUGGLING TO OVERCOME IMPERIALISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ETC.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF COMMUNIQUE WAS PRESIDENT BONGO'S STATED PLEASURE OF QATAR'S OFFER TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GABON. IT WAS AGREED THAT A QATARI DELEGATION WOULD VISIT GABON TO DETERMINE WHICH PROJECTS TO FUND. NO TIME WAS SPECIFIED WITH REGARDS TO WHEN QATARI DELEGATION WOULD VISIT GABON. THERE WAS ALSO NO MENTION OF THE AMOUNT OF ANY ASSISTANCE.

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3. COMMUNIQUE ENDED WITH AMIR ACCEPTING INVITATION TO VISIT GABON AT SOME UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

4. AFTER QATAR, PRESIDENT BONGO AND PARTY LEFT FOR TEHRAN.

5. ONE ASIDE WAS ARTICLE IN OCT 21 EDITION OF LOCAL DAILY "AL ARAB" IN WHICH 16 PERSONS OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S PARTY DECLARED THEIR CONVERSION TO ISLAM WHILE IN QATAR. IN SAME ARTICLE THE GRAND MUFTI OF GABON STATED THAT GROUP WAS PROUD TO MAKE THIS CONVERSION IN QATAR BECAUSE QATAR HAS CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO AFRICAN PROJECTS. COMMENT: THIS WAS PROBABLY GABON'S WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU TO QATAR FOR THE OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
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